



# SCHOOL *for the* Deaf & Blind

*giving kids the building blocks to independence*

3911 CENTRAL AVENUE  
Great Falls, Montana 59405  
406.771.6000 V/TTY  
406.771.6164 FAX  
[www.msdb.mt.gov](http://www.msdb.mt.gov)

**DEPARTMENT:** Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

**DIVISION:** Residential

**DATE POSTED:** April 12, 2007

**JOB TITLE:** Cottage Life Attendant –Boys Cottage

**STARTING SALARY:** \$8.71 per hour to \$9.11 after probation

**LOCATION OF JOB:** Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

**SUPPLEMENT REQUIRED:** No

**STATUS:** Full Time Permanent

**PAY GRADE:** 8

**POSITION NUMBER:** 51303134

**BARGAINING UNIT:** UFCW #8

**START DATE:** April 28, 2007

**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled

---

## **TYPICAL DUTIES:**

Provide after school and occasional morning wake-up of students. Responsible for the whereabouts of the students during the employees shift. Assist in the cleaning of the area as well as the instruction of students in cleaning and maintaining age appropriate self-help care. Make sure that ill students are seen at health services department as childcare staff do not provide any medical care or maintain any medications for the students. Provide assistance and instruction in supervision of play activities on and off-campus. Work under the direct supervision of supervising counselor.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Ability to communicate effectively orally, in writing and in sign language. Must be able to prepare and maintain clear and concise records and reports; follow explicit oral, written and signed instructions; act as a role model for students; enforce rules and regulations with fairness and consistency; and establish and maintain effective work relationships with those connected in the course of work.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Interest in and ability to learn sign language; good interpersonal communication skills. Thorough knowledge of working with youth in a residential setting; knowledge of proper personal hygiene and other self help skills; understanding the behavior, personality and growth of children of all ages; understanding the social/emotional needs of hearing impaired and visually impaired youth.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Must have a high school diploma or equivalency. During the probationary period, Cottage Life Attendant I must successfully complete Advanced Training Course for Residential Child Care Workers course to advance to CLA II. This program has been developed by the National Resource Center for Youth Services at the University of Oklahoma and is conducted by the staff at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind. Must possess a current Montana driver's license and pass background check with law enforcement.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** MSDB is a non-smoking environment extending to the entire campus: there are no authorized smoking areas and smoke breaks are not given. All successful candidates must possess a Montana Drivers License; submit to a background check, which includes a criminal record review, and must not possess any felony or DUI convictions. It is the policy of the Board that any finalist for hire shall submit to a finger-print based national criminal history background check conducted by the FBI prior to recommendation for hire. Additionally, an "Applicant Release Form" must be completed and signed as part of the application.

---

**BENEFITS:** Full insurance package

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:** Under state and federal law qualified applicants with disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations. Modifications or adjustments may be provided to assist applicants to compete in the recruitment and selection process, to perform the essential duties of the job or to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment available to other employees. An applicant must request an accommodation when needed. If you need any such accommodation, contact SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND using the information provided above. TTY users may call the TTY number if available or use the relay service by dialing 711-253-4091.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT:** In accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act, the person selected must produce within three (3) days of hire, documentation that he/she is authorized to work in the United States. Examples of such documentation include a birth certificate or social security card along with a driver's license or other picture I.D., a United States passport, a Permanent Resident Card or an Alien Registration Card (Green Card).

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** MSDB is a non-smoking environment extending to the entire campus: there are no authorized smoking areas and smoke breaks are not given. All successful candidates must possess a Montana Drivers License; submit to a background check, which includes a criminal record review, and must not possess any felony or DUI convictions. It is the policy of the Board that any finalist for hire shall submit to a finger-print based national criminal history background check conducted by the FBI prior to recommendation for hire. Additionally, an "Applicant Release Form" must be completed and signed as part of the application.

---

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:** Selection procedures to be used in evaluating applicant's qualifications include an evaluation of the Montana State Application

form, application supplement, interview, and reference checks. **Late, incomplete or unsigned applications will be rejected.**

Application materials required are:

1. Signed and completed State of Montana Employment Application (PD-25, revised 12/93). Portions of the application may be photocopied if legible.
2. Letters of reference from previous three employers (3 letters of reference).
3. Applicants claiming the Handicapped Person's Employment Preference must provide verification of eligibility with the application materials by the closing date. The required documentation includes a completed Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Certification of Disability form.
4. Signed and dated Applicant Release of Information form.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Applications may be returned to the Great Falls Job Service or to the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind by **April 20, 2007**.

The Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, or disability. Qualified women minorities, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind complies with all provisions of Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972. In providing educational opportunities, programs and services to eligible students under the provisions of the IDEA, the MSDB does not discriminate on the basis of gender.